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5 December 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer DD/S&T

SUBJECT : Personal Observations Regarding the Drell Committee

1. There were a number of instances during the Monday and Tuesday meetings of the Drell Committee at Westover Air Force Base which, I believe, would be significant with respect to certain areas with "flap potential."

2. On a number of occasions the E-K representatives, [redacted] and [redacted] expressed their concern that the direction of the Committee seemed to be getting away from a specific study on quality control for the Corona-Mural. There seemed to be an undercurrent surrounding the efforts of E-K to protect the [redacted] Program. In this respect, I was sitting with several of the Itek representatives. Whenever they had the opportunity, they would read the Performance Evaluation Team reports regarding [redacted] missions.

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3. Another item in this regard concerns the appearance of [redacted] of Itek, at the Committee meetings on Tuesday. I briefed [redacted] on [redacted] as the first order of the business on Tuesday. Alpaugh was with the Committee for the remainder of the day. His contribution to the Committee consisted of a two-minute presentation with respect to a strip of film from the Idealist Program which is pertinent to the haze over Los Angeles. [redacted] also appeared very interested in the [redacted] information.

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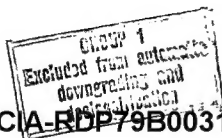
4. It is noted that the Itek Company extended invitations to all of the Committee to visit their installations on Wednesday, 4 December 1963. None of the E-K or Perkin Elmer representatives accepted the invitations [redacted] (accepted the invitation).

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5. There does not seem to be a problem regarding [redacted] willingness to continue with the Committee. I gave him the travel

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money from his last visit and he, in turn, submitted a request for re-payment for his current trip to the East Coast. I had the impression that his wife was with him on this trip. He seemed agreeable to the proposal that he will be funded through the [redacted] 25X1

6. On my flight to Hartford, Connecticut, I visited with [redacted] of NRO. We travelled to Westover together, had meals together, and generally discussed the philosophies surrounding the Committee. [redacted] impresses me as a completely candid Air Force Officer. He expressed a number of reservations regarding the functioning of the Drell Committee. Some of these reservations, which were not made in a critical manner, but which established his concern that the Committee might result in an erosion of security, are as follows: 25X1

A. He believed that there were entirely too many people on the Committee and that there was no firm control with respect to who would be the primary representatives from the various industrial firms and who would be alternates.

B. He was concerned that one of the members of the Committee, [redacted] of IBM, had not attended any of the sessions and yet there was no consideration being given to removing him from the rolls.

C. He also questioned the priority of continuing [redacted] on the Committee inasmuch as [redacted] was in attendance only half the time. [redacted] missed the Monday sessions, but was present all day Tuesday.) 25X1
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D. He further indicated that, in view of the extreme sensitivity of the subject matter being discussed by the Committee, it should have been a pre-requisite for all of the members to have been polygraphed prior to being approved for Committee participation.

E. He was critical of Dr. Drell's request to me to process [redacted] for affiliation with the Committee with respect to the Committee's visit to the West Coast next week. When Dr. Drell mentioned his desire to also process [redacted] for ^{similar} final affiliation, [redacted] seemed quite exasperated. 25X1

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1 7.. These comments are not to imply that [] is antagonistic toward the function of the Committee or that his participation with the Committee is resulting in less than a whole-hearted effort on his part. [] has been associated with the overhead reconnaissance program for at least eight years. His concern was based, I believe, on a genuine conviction that the Committee was too big and too loose.

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1 8. It should be added that [] was extremely cooperative with the undersigned with respect to my concern regarding the necessity for very strict security measures when the Committee visits the Agency's covert installations in Palo Alto next week. [] addressed the group, at my request, with respect to the unique security precautions that would be a pre-requisite when the Committee visits the West Coast next week.

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